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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Robert May	2875	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication on 29 June 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-14,17-49 and 51-61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>20060629</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Sperry on 29 June 2006.

In The Claims

The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding Claim 1:

Line 5, after the word base add --having a first and a second edge--

Line 5, replace "one" with --said first--

Line 6, replace "opposite" with --said second --

Line 7, delete "the outer edge of".

Regarding Claims 15-16:

Cancel Claims 15-16

Regarding Claim 42:

Line 4, after the word base add --having a first and a second edge--

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Line 5, replace "one" with --said first--, and replace "opposite" with --said second--.

Line 6, delete "the outer edge of".

Regarding Claim 46:

Line 2, replace the word "regulate" with --affect--.

Regarding Claim 51:

Line 4, after the word base add --having a first and a second edge—

Line 4, replace "one" with --said first—

Line 5, replace "opposite" with --said second —

Line 6, delete "the outer edge of".

Regarding Claim 52,

Line 3, after the word base add --having a first and a second edge—

Line 3, replace "one" with --said first—

Line 4, replace "opposite" with --said second —

Line 5, delete "the outer edge of".

Regarding Claim 55:

Line 2, insert --having a-- after "and".

Regarding Claim 57:

Line 3, insert --having a-- after "and".

In the specification:

Pg1, delete in its entirety the section "RELATED APPLICATIONS"

Pg 5, line 20, replace "fromed" with --from--.

Pg 6, line 8, replace "15" with --9--.

Pg 6, line 13, replace "16" with --9--.

In the Drawings:

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: In Figures 3 and 3A replace "15" with --9--. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding independent claims 1, 42, and 52, the prior art does not teach or show a light distribution system wherein a recess is formed adjacent the base of at least one of the lens panels.

Regarding Claim 51, the prior art does not teach or show a light distribution system wherein a light cartridge connects said bases and serves to deliver light through said lens panels.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert May whose telephone number is (571) 272-5919. The examiner can normally be reached between 9 am– 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for all communications.

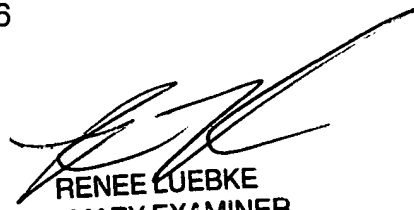
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